GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme for the year 2004-05 have not been released so far in case of some MPs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) the time by which the funds are likely to be released to nodal districts of each MP under the said scheme;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to wind up this scheme;

(e) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to increase the amount to be allotted to each MP under MPLAD Scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government has received representations for effective implementation as well as amendments in guidelines;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the time by which new guidelines/amendments are likely to be implemented by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (i) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 90 for answer on 9th March, 2005

(a) to (c) Out of the budgeted amount of Rs. 1580 crore for the year 2004-05, Rs. 1065 crore have been released upto 3.3.2005 in respect of 750 Members of Parliament including 29 Ex-Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). The funds in respect of the remaining MPs could not be released because the reports received from their Nodal Districts do not fulfill the criteria of unsanctioned balance being less than Rs. 50 lakh and unspent balance being less than Rs. 1 crore. Their funds would be released as soon as the reports fulfilling the said conditions are received from their Nodal Districts.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) to (i) The revision of the Guidelines is being finalized.